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PM gets hands on at Vauxhall PRIME Minister David Cameron got stuck into a Vauxhall van's grill this week when he visited the car manu-

facturer's Kimpton Road site. Mr Cameron came to the town to talk about the new employment rates released on Wednesday. The Conservative leader also commented on a number of local issues, including the proposed rise in the police precept and council tax, and free schools. He also had time to

catch up on the new covered in our last edition of Luton on Sunday.

■ For more on the PM's visit turn to page 5.

'Must do more' to tackle shocking homicide rate

Bedfordshire revealed as country's murder capital in study by the Office for National Statistics

BY CARL MUNGAZI AND NICK SMITH

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COMMUNITY workers are urging organisations to work harder to tackle serious crime following the revelation that Bedfordshire has the highest homicide rate in the United Kingdom.

A new study, published by the Office for National Statistics, has revealed the county has the highest number of killings per head

Pastor Lloyd Denny, chairman of

Luton in Harmony, said he was 'surprised and shocked' by the statistics but added that he did not have

the 'sense that people are in fear'.

Mark Clarke, head of Walk to Freedom, an organisation that helps drug and alcohol addicts in the county, said the 'collaborative work' between voluntary and public bodies aimed at helping young people stay away from crime must carry on in order for things in the

county to improve.
Twelve people lost their lives at the

hands of another person in Bedfordshire in 2013/14. Of these, five have led to murder convictions and three to manslaughter.

The figure is a far cry from the 108 killed over the same period in London. But when you take the number of people who live in each region, our county has a much higher death rate per person.

In Bedfordshire a total of 18.9 people per million were homicide

victims, according to the study.

Pastor Denny said: "I'm surprised

and shocked to be honest, and my response would be there's a lot of work to do.

"The good thing I would say is that locally I do not think that people are

"I do not get the sense when I am out and about that something bad is about to happen. The figures show that there is more we need to do to

make things better."
Mr Clarke said: "The community work being done needs to be continous and we are striving for that.

"We know that it's not a lot of people (who are involved in crime) but it's a smaller group who are doing this. But we also have young people who are doing a lot of positive work." Since April last year there have

been four homicides in the county. been four nomicides in the county. Chief Constable for Bedfordshire Police, Colette Paul, said: "Our officers are continuing to work incredibly hard to protect the people of Bedfordshire, and this of course includes fighting the most serious crimes such as murder."



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Cops to foot the £600k cost of a 'no' vote on rise in police precept

BY KATHRYN CAIN

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IF residents vote no on a proposal to increase the police council tax precept by 15.85 per cent at the polls on elec-

tion day it will cost the force £600,000. On Wednesday, Police and Crime Commissioner Olly Martins officially triggered a referendum by proposing to increase the police precept by more than two per cent.

Due to the restrictions of council tax

legislation, residents won't get their say at the ballot box until May 7, the same day as the general election, but the rise will come into effect when the new financial year starts in April.

If successful, the council tax hike, which would bring Bedfordshire in line with what Cambridgeshire residents pay, would add an extra £4.5m to the Beds Police coffers – the equivalent of 21 per cent of its funding. However the cost of the referendum

itself is dear with a yes vote likely to cost

the force £350k and a no vote £600k as fresh bills would need to be sent out to every resident and their council tax recalculated on the basis of a 1.99 per cent increase.

According to Mr Martins the state of the force's finances are 'pretty apoca-lyptic' as it is rurally funded but has urban challenges. He claims the extra cash would pay for 100 new officers to add to the 1,067 it currently has and

they'd be protected until 2020/21. He said: "It is important people understand they are being asked whether they support the increase that will be introduced this April rather than a further increase coming in after the vote.

A YouGov poll commissioned by Mr

Martins has shown 70 per cent say they will vote no on polling day.

A residents' group, created to oppose the fee hike, said: "Surely if we are on such a knife-edge every bit of money chould be used for rolling officers?"

should be used for police officers?"
■ For PM David Cameron's thoughts on the proposed increase, see page 5.



SPECIAL BRANCH INVESTIGATION: The 'victim' in Chiltern Road

An act of tree-son

RESIDENTS were stumped this week after a tree was mysteriously chopped down.

The tree, in Chiltern Road, Dunstable, was cut on Wednesday night and had to be cleared by Central Bedfordshire Council after its out-of-hours crew received a call.

According to a post on the Spotted: Dunstable Facebook page, a man had pulled up in the road, started his chainsaw and started cutting. Residents saw the funny side of the incident and left a number comments underneath the post.

Referring to the man, James Millett said: "Get him done for 'tree'son," while Sebastian Cummings said: 'Talk about making like a tree and leafing the scene'. Gary Adams suggested

someone should special branch' and Simon Goss asked 'did they get to the root of the problem?'

newsbriefs

SEARCH FOR GOOD SAMARITAN

A WOMAN was pushed to the floor during a robbery in which her phone was stolen.

Police said they are looking for a 'good samaritan' who helped the victim following the incident in Telford Way last

Sunday at around 8am.
A man called 'Chris' came to

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COSMOPOLUTON: The unbuilt flat was billed as being in one of the 'world's leading financial districts'

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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IF you were house hunting this week you might have been a bit perplexed to stumble across a flat in the town centre worth more than half a million pounds described as being located in 'one of the most cosmopolitan areas of London'.

The unbuilt two-bedroom apartment in Flowers Way is on the market for between £534,751-£551,026.

The accompanying description claimed it is close to 'one of the world's leading financial districts' and has many of London's landmarks 'right on your doorstep'.

When LoS asked whether

the minimum 20-minute train journey to London, plus tube travel, constituted 'on your doorstep', Remax Properties, the estate agents selling the property', said the descriptions had been a 'mistake' and would be changed.

Luton Borough Council gave conditional planning permission to developers, Oyster Properties Assets, to build three buildings with a mixture of residential and student housing. The blocks, due to be built next year, will have 130 luxury flats and 359 rooms for students.

According to a listing posted on property website Zoopla, furnishings in the flat will be 'assembled to

create an atmosphere of hedonism and abandonment reminiscent of the 1920s and 1930s'.

It will also offer a 24-hour concierge service and monitored office space.

Other flats in the block range from £81,160 to £471,287.

A financial viability assessment submitted to the council along with the initial plans by construction consultancy Pod LLP proposed that two-bedroom flats be valued at a maximum of £155k, and £120k for one-bedroom flats.

An employee at Remax said the flats were aimed at investors interested in property.





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Corsa defies gravity all in the name of Alex's art

A CAR has been flipped upside down and it's all for art's sake.

Luton-based car manufacturer Vauxhall teamed up with artist Alex Chinneck to create the display. Alex suspended a

Vauxhall Corsa 15

feet in the air for a piece called 'Pick yourself up and pull yourself together'.

The former Bedford Modern School student worked with the manufacturer to turn a parking space on its head, apparently peeling back

15 metres of road to turn the one tonne car upside-down as it hangs from the surface with no

visible supports The vehicle will hang in Hungerford Car Park, beside The London Eye, where members of the public can view it

until Wednesday. Alex said: "I see sculpture as the physical reinterpretation of the material world

around us and so by introducing fictional narratives into familiar scenarios, I try to make everyday situations as extraordinary as they can be."

PM slams PCC's plan to raise tax

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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PLANS increase Bedfordshire Police's precept by more than 15 per cent have been criticised by the Prime Minister.

David Cameron said the

force had done a 'good job' of reducing crime but added that he did not agree with proposals by the county's Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) to raise the police pre-

cept by 15.8 per cent.
PCC Olly Martins said the rise would be spent on 100 additional police officers 'alongside extra resources to manage the most prolific

offenders and safeguard vulnerable people'.

Mr Cameron, who was speaking on a visit to Luton, said he did not think the PCC was 'right to want to increase the council tax in this way' and said the force could 'find further efficiencies and continue to do the excellent job they do'.

added: "The chief constable will make her own case but the fact is crime is falling.
"Full credit to the police;

they've managed to do more with less and I think there are further efficiencies that they can find [such as] co-ordinating with other forces and making sure they share some of the costs.

"They should exhaust all those processes before putting taxpayers' bills up.

Mr Martins said the force was already saving money through working with neigh-bouring forces and faced a 'looming £6 million budget hole in 2019'.

He continued: "A rise of 15.8 per cent would restore PCs to Neighbourhood Policing Teams in all areas and balance the budget until beyond the next parliament.

"If the Prime Minister knows a better way of doing this I'd be delighted to hear from him.



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New homes to be built on green belt

PLANNING permission has been granted for a new housing estate on green belt

land near Houghton Regis.
The decision to build up to 231 new homes was met with opposition from town councillor David Jones, who said: "I'm disappointed with the decision, but am not surprised."

A spokeswoman for Central Bedfordshire Council said: "It is considered that special circumstances do outweigh the green belt harm identified."

Council censured for housing plans

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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CENTRAL Bedfordshire Council has been criticised for not co-operating with a neighbouring authority over housing plans.

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This would mean a further 6,000 homes being built.

Cllr Nigel Young, from CBC, said the inspectors findings were 'misguided' and added he would seek the support of his fellow councillors in calling for a judicial review.

He said: "We are not an authority that wishes to block growth or freeze our communities in aspic.

"But neither are we authority that will accept the imposition of unsustainable development which could undermine the quality and character of our communi-

He added: "I cannot and will not accept the inspector's conclusions that it is 'inevitable' for the area to meet all of Luton's outstanding

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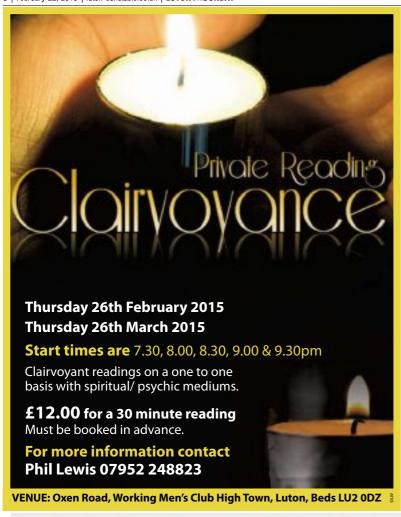














EMERGENCY STOP: The vehicle at the scene

Driver arrested and charged after chase

A HIGH-SPEED pursuit ended in an arrest after the offending driver crashed his vehicle.

Officers attempted to stop a BMW for speed-ing at around 4.20pm on Monday in Airport Way, Luton.

The driver failed stop for police and the vehicle was then involved in a collision with a traffic

island. A 26-year-oldman from Hertfordshire has been charged with driving without due care and attention, failing to stop for police, driving without a licence and while uninsured.

He has been bailed to appear at Luton Magistrates' Court on March 5.

Rugby player guilty of sex attack on boy

BY JULIA SUTTON

A MAN has been convicted of sexually abusing a 16-year-old boy who had gone into his bedroom to play on an Xbox game.

On December 15, 2013, rugby player Emmitt Black, now 21, had asked the teen: "Have you ever thought of

being gay?"

The boy, who had a girl-friend, told Black it was out of the question, Luton Crown Court heard. Black pulled down the boy's jeans and said: "Don't shout or I will hit

The defendant performed oral sex on the teen, molested him and took explicit photos

Prosecutor Peter Shaw said the boy's mother came to pick

him up and realised some-thing was wrong.

Black, of Leaf Road,
Houghton Regis, pleaded not guilty to six charges: causing a person to engage in sexual activity, sexual assault and four charges of taking indecent photographs of a 16-year-old child, but was convicted on Thursday.

Black was arrested on December 22 and his phone was seized. When questioned he said the boy consented.

Under cross examination by Mr Shaw, Black denied his account was lies. Mr Shaw said Black had been dominant, four years older and much bigger than the boy.
Sentencing has been

Sentencing has adjourned until April 16.



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The business of buses

IT has been brought to my attention by a neighbour that the Arriva bus company are going to re-route some buses and take some off altogether, particularly those in the hospital area.

I see that Dallow Road will not have a bus route and no direct link to the hospital as they do now via the number 8.

The 38 will no longer go into town but to the bus station via the busway.

Anyone who is disabled or has walking difficulties will find that very difficult.

Also a lot of people will have to get two buses and pay two fares to get into Luton

All Arriva seem to be doing is increasing their revenue and getting more people to use the busway with no consideration of customers' needs, without whom they wouldn't have a business!

Mrs Cuthbert Lime Avenue

'House of Fools'

I HOPE that UKIP supporter Jo Graham (*LoS*, Letters, 15.2.15) noticed the amusing juxtapositions of TV programmes on

Monday evening. On Channel 4 at 9pm was UKIP: The first 100 days, a fictitious documentary in which UKIP wins the general election and Nigel Farage is Prime Minister. We were then

Bury friendly shopkeepers

SHOPKEEPERS in Bedford could learn alot by going to Bury Park in Luton.

The assistants there are genuinely lovely.

They let people use their conveniences and they've also offered me tea while I choose my material and there are seats if needed.

Love Bedford? I think not. I recently came out of hospital and I decided to go and look around the shops

one of the town's many charity shops and all I asked for was a chair to sit down for a minute so I could use my ventilator.

Instead of being given a chair I received a lot of cheek by a young assistant who acted as though she

was the boss.
I am elderly, trying to survive with my illness and trying to be independent.

refuse to go into that shop again.

I worked in Woolworths in my younger days and I lived 23 years in Bedford before moving to Flitwick, and coming back I see its decline everywhere.
I will remember this shop

assistant - and Bedford in my prayers.

Ivel Way Flitwick

Recent results - primarily draws - mean that the leaders are leaving Luton behind in the race for promotion places and John Still

seems to have no answer to it.
We can only hope things change quickly but recent results dont give Luton supporters much hope.

Own goal for LTFC

Nick Murray Mullion Close

Luton

IT was a pleasure to read an article in a recent issue of this newspaper regarding Luton Town as you have identified their problem: they have no goalscorers.

spoilt for choice. The following programme on Channel 4 was Catastrophe; the alternative being House of Fools on BBC2.

Derek Ashburner By email

Pinstripe criminals

THE first question a rich person asks their

accountant is: how can I avoid paying tax? Who likes paying tax on their hard earned

money? No one.

But we all can't afford to pay accountants, who know how to exploit the loopholes in the tax system.

These days criminals don't wear stockings

over their heads, or carry a swag bag, they are more likely to be wearing pinstripe

suits. John Tucker **Bracklesham Gardens** Luton

Problem pavement parking

REGARDING the letter written about park-

ing on pavements.

The author was from Leighton Buzzard but the issue of parking on pavements is a problem all over the country and nobody does anything about it.

Where I live, cars and vans park half on, half off the path and - as the letter writer said - they obstruct the footpath.

I've been in touch with Luton Borough Council to ask about putting yellow lines down the road and was told their budget was spoken for.

The police don't seem to care either. I thought parking on pavements was illegal, but what do I know?

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'Asbestos exposure' killed council painter

BY JULIA SUTTON

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A FORMER Luton Borough Council painter and decora-tor was killed by exposure to asbestos at work, an inquest has ruled.

Frederick Bezzina, from Stevenage, died last year from mesothelioma at rrom mesothelioma at Garden House Hospice in Letchworth Garden City. He was 73.

Addressing an inquest last Wednesday, coroner Edward

Thomas said the exposure would have happened when Mr Bezzina was doing 'the things that in those times painters and decorators did'.

He added: "He was a painter and decorator for the council and during that time he would have had connection with asbestos dealing with fire doors and various other

things."
The coroner told the inquest in Hatfield that mesothelio-ma could occur naturally, 'but it is unusual'.

Citing information from pathologist Dr Rudd, the coroner said even a short exposure to asbestos could cause mesothelioma.

Mr Thomas said: "The progress of the disease is very typical. I have no hesitation in concluding he died from mesothelioma caused by exposure to asbestos.

Addressing Mr Bezzina's wife, he said: "It must be dreadful for you. It's really sad. You were deprived of a long retirement together."

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Rubbish piling up in 'forgotten' spot

BY NICK SMITH

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CONCERN is rising over a fly-tipping blackspot which residents say has been 'forgotten' by a council.

This week, another pile of rubbish was dumped just off Chaul End Road, near Caddington, including wood, windows and mattresses. The waste been left right

The waste been left right next to a sign warning that the area is monitored by CCTV to prevent fly-tipping and that any offenders who are caught face up to a £20,000 fine or six months in prison.

Residents are asking why the sign - erected by South Bedfordshire District Council before it disbanded in 2009 is being ignored by fly-tippers and the spot 'forgotten' by Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC).

One resident, who contacted *Luton on Sunday* about the problem, said: "Judging by the sign this must be a regular fly-tipping site going back a long time.

"But I am sure if there was CCTV as mentioned it has long since gone wonky!"



Cllr Brian Spurr, executive member for sustainable communities, said: "The council has a zero-tolerance policy towards fly-tipping and takes every measure to make sure that offenders are prosecuted

ed.

"Council officers actively patrol hotspot areas and surveillance cameras may also be positioned at specific sites to catch fly-tippers.

to catch fly-tippers. "This has resulted in several simple cautions being issued and 14 prosecutions since August 2014.

"Our officers are investigating this latest enquiry and any further waste will be removed after checks for evidence have been made."

CBC asks for reports to include the time, date and location of the offence, along with a description and registration information of any vehicles involved, along with a description of the offender and what's been tipped.

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Tragedies prompt

BY NICK SMITH

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A COLLISION on the M1 last Saturday left three men dead and another fighting for his life in hospital.

Crashes on Monday and Tuesday followed, which took the total number of incidents up to four in two weeks on a small stretch of the motorway from junctions 10 to 13.

Concerns have since been raised by our readers over the number of collisions on the M1 in Bedfordshire, particularly in relation to the hard shoulder.

But this was the only incident involving the hard shoulder and Department for Transport (DfT) insist there is no correlation.

A spokeswoman for the DfT said: "The hard shoulder is only opened in special circumstances, such as when there has been an accident on the inside lane or when it can help relieve congestion."

On the recent spate, Mark

On the recent spate, Mark Turner, CEO of the Road Victims Trust, a Kempston based charity which helps those affected by road traffic collisions, said: "Statistically, there are five people who die in the country each day on our roads and tragically, on Saturday, three of those were in Bedfordshire.

"The county has had a tough time with road traffic collisions this month. Sometimes we get occasions like this where there is an upward spike and other times we have a relatively incident free time."

Mr Turner spoke favourably about work which has been done to increase safety on the M1 in recent years, saying: "Millions of pounds have been spent improving the M1 by the Highways Agency in recent years with the aim of

making it safer.
"Any advice I'd give to
those travelling on the
motorways is that they are
technically the safest as
there are no roundabouts or
traffic lights.

"The incidents which do happen are often worse than those which happen on other types of roads due to the increased speed.

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them all being affected too "Our job is to engage with

the families and friends, as

it's not just a case of two or

three people being affected

by a death on our roads. "Road deaths are trau-

matic for all involved as there is no chance to say

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"As such, you can't fall into a false sense of security despite how safe they are. You should always obey the two second rule and should remain vigilant at all

In the event of a fatality, the effect on those close to the victim is obvious, but a far greater number of people are also affected.

Mr Turner said: "It has a massive effect on the whole

community. "The total is closer to 100 people, with family, friends

Tributes to M1 victims

Reeves, 23, from Newport Pagnell, was described by his family as living 'his short life to the full'.





Aldridge, 20, also from Newport Pagnell, 'was a very gener-ous and loving boy, loved by his family and friends'.

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'Unequal' school needs to change

BY CARL MUNGAZI

AN Islamic faith school has said it will make the 'improvements needed to raise standards' after it was criticised for its unequal treatment of girls and boys.

Rabia Boys' and Girls' School, in Portland Road, was found by Ofsted inspectors to be falling short of the standards required for independent schools.

The school was judged as

inadequate in May last year and on a follow up visit last month, Ofsted said inequality at the school still existed.

Inspectors said boys had more time to study the national curriculum and do more activities, while girls were restricted in their development, including being limited to knitting and sewing in technology classes and not having equal access to laboratory facilities for science.
Ofsted also said pupils had

better understanding of

British institutions and people with different back-grounds, but added the school was undermining 'the promotion of fundamental British values in its unequal treatment of girls and boys'

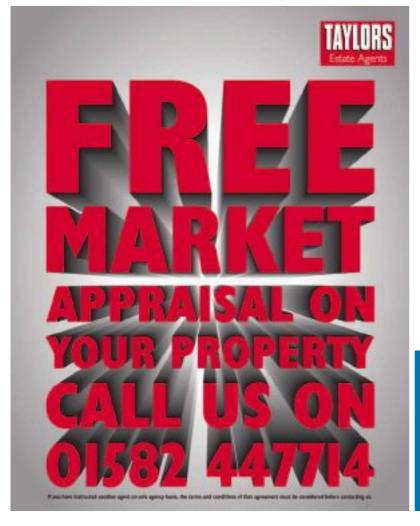
In a statement, the school said it 'took heart from the many positive comments that were included in the

inspection report'. The school added that it had an 'action plan' in place to ensure it worked on the areas highlighted by Ofsted.



Pirton strikes again to secure top title

TWO Luton school teams have excelled at a country athletics cham-pionship at Cranfield University. Reigning champions Pirton Hill Primary School again repeated last year's success, being crowned as champions of the Bedfordshire Indoor Athletics County Finals once more in the Year 5 and 6 categories. St Margaret's of Scotland Primary, competing for the first time, came





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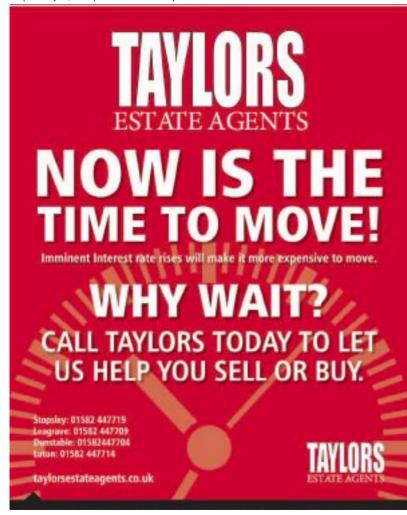
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Mela heads out on quest to find talent

BY NICK SMITH

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DO you have the wow factor? Want to see your name in lights?
Luton Mela, which will take over Wardown

Park on August 1 and 2, is launching an initiative to find new talent to perform at this year's event.

Organiser Furhaad Ahmed said: "Our aim is to unearth talent from around Beds, Herts and Bucks. We have support of The Mall and they will be hosting our first Talent Quest event there on March 28 from noon to 5pm." The competition is open anyone - groups or

individuals and dancers or singers.

Mr Ahmed added: "Anyone's welcome to give it a go and they could see themselves on the main stage at this year's Mela."

August's extravaganza promises to be the

biggest Luton Mela yet. For the first time it will take place over two days to mark its 15th anniversary. The organisers are also looking at the possibility of bringing in more interna-

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Gina will 'bring the jokes' as she delivers a riot of laughter

COMEDY

GINA YASHERE

Luton Library Theatre

AS comedy nights go, there are very few as loud and raucous than when Gina Yashere is in town.

Her new show, aptly named the 'Laugh Riot', rolls into the Library Theatre as part of her latest tour

Fresh from a month tour of Asia where, among other things, she was coughed on, stared at and followed, Gina said her audience could look forward to getting the 'same as they always get'.

"I have just done a two month tour in Asia and I will be talking

about that", she says.
"I will talk about stuff like the

time I ended up in a brothel in Singapore! So it will be about my tour and what happened to me.

"I can't wait to be back in Luton to bring the jokes." Gina has risen to stardom since

she left her job as a lift engineer to become one of the UK's funniest female comedians

The Londoner (who is of Nigerian heritage) made her debut at the Edinburgh Festival in 1997 after people kept commenting on her humour. She wowed critics and found

herself becoming a mainstay on the comedy circuit.

Since then, she has managed to battle through illness, moved to the US and become a global comedy figure, appearing on countless TV shows, the West End and films.

How does she find audiences

should respond to her?
She says: "The audiences are pretty much the same. I talk to them about what I've done in the country since being there so it's all the same."

Gina also says she likes to get

out and about in the country as opposed to remaining in the familiar surroundings of the

She added: "I love London and I am from London but I like to come out and talk to other people and see crowds that I do not see as often and that's the good thing about being out of London

For tickets call 01582 878100.



Film screenings aiming to open new horizons

FILM

CULTURE IN CONFLICT

The Hat Factory, Luton February 24-March 1

FOUR thought provoking films are being shown in Luton on successive Tuesdays over the coming weeks, set in war zones across the world from Palestine to the

United States.
It is hoped the films will generate lively debates about contemporary issues and how they are they are represented in the media - they are also just a good watch!

Young people from all sections of the community are encouraged to come along

and have their views heard.
The first film, The Reluctant Fundamentalist will be shown on Tuesday and shows racism faced by a Pakistani man living in America in following 9/11.

Sanam Hassan, who runs one of the country's leading South Asian film companies, will be holding a discussion

The following week you can see Hunger, a film starring Michael Fassbender as Irish republican Bobby Sands, with Stephen Martin, leader of film studies at the Irish Cultural Centre, leading the discussions following the film.
Chief reporter for The Observer, Tracy

McVeigh, will be hosting the following week's screening and discussion, with documentary film 5 Broken Cameras, based on Palestinian farm worker Emad Burnat and his opposition to the construction of Israeli settlements

The final film screening in the series is In This World, about the struggles facing refugees travelling to Britain along the 'silk road.'

The University of Bedfordshire's Dr Patricia Hynes will lead the discussion. For more information on the screenings and speakers, visit lutonculture.com. Tickets for each showing are £5.

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No chance anyone's sex will be on fire after seeing Fifty Shades

FILM REVIEW

FIFTY SHADES OF GREY

Cineworld all this week

AS the only one in the office brave enough (or maybe that's stupid enough) to go and see Fifty Shades of Grey my expectations weren't high from the outset.

For those who haven't read the

book and have lived in a Fifty Shades-free-bubble for the last few years, the plot revolves around a university graduate, Anastasia Steele, meeting billionaire busi-nessman Christian Grey when she interviews him for the student

paper.
Throw in a little casual stalking and before long he's asking her to become his sex slave and let him have his wicked way with her in his 'play room' or as she calls it, his 'red room of pain'.

I have read all three of the books in the trilogy and found the writing to be a little repetitive; the first film in the screen trilogy wasn't much

The first time Christian and Ana have sex I was mildly interested, but by no means did it push any boundaries. And it isn't long before they were teeing up for another



LET DOWN: In this woman's opinion Fifty Shades of Grey was disappointingly average, although not quite a complete flop

steamy session, and I was left thinking 'again?

Then we arrive in the red room of pain and, rather than experiencing shock at the rows of instruments, it just seemed as though Christian showing off in a 'look at all my toys' sort of way.

Don't get me wrong, I did like Jamie Dornan who plays the sex-mad protagonist, he's certainly easy on the eye, but Christian Grey is not supposed to be a likeable character. I don't know whether it

was his slightly softer appearance, or the cheesy jokes which were occasionally thrown in, but I couldn't shake the feeling I was meant to warm to him.

Again it seems every effort has

been made to make Ana (Dakota Johnson) bubbly, which is a shame as it strips her of even the token

feistiness given to her in print.
Aside from some lovely sweeping shots of the Seattle skyline, the film has little to offer other than saving anyone who hasn't already from

needing to read any of the books.

The continuity is a bit dodgy with some of the Apple laptops clearly off while the characters are pretending to use them and accord-ing to my other half, you don't see enough of the posh cars.
I'm not convinced this film stands

up in its own right and it ends very abruptly - much to the disgust of the largely female audience who clearly wanted to see just a little bit more of Jamie's bum. . . KATHRYN CAIN

Outdoor cinema returning with classic movies

FILM

SUNDOWN CINEMA

Luton Hoo

August 27-September 7

A CINEMA experience with a difference will take over Luton Hoo again this August. Sundown Screens showcases classic films

out of fields and is returning to the picturesque site just outside of Luton following the successful run last summer.

Ten consecutive dates in August and September have already been announced with films ranging from classics like Jaws and Back to the Future to sing-along favourites such as Mamma Mia! and Chicago.

The first screening will be of Quentin Tarantino's cult classic Pulp Fiction on

The company's owner Nick Hunter said: "It's a slightly different feel from going to a multiplex, in that we positively encourage people to dance if it's a dancey film, or sing if it's a singing film, or quote a quotable film, if suitable.

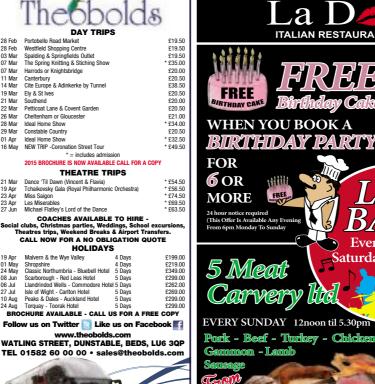
"People make a night of it. Depending on the venue, if you want a glass of wine or something to eat, you can bring your own

"People seem to have a fantastic time and we try to make sure that what we offer is a little bit more than people expect.

"We try to keep it as friendly in atmosphere as possible."
Tickets start at £6 for children and £13 for

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COMEDY

ANDREW O'NEILL'S HISTORY OF HEAVY METAL

The Hat Factory Thursday March 5

THERE are many ways in which crossdressing, anarchist, vegan, metalhead Andrew O'Neill goes against the grain but the latter is the focus of his new stand up

The comedian's new routine sees him answer all the questions you were afraid to ask the big hairy men in that pub you've always avoided. Despite the subject matter, this show aims to appeal to everyone, whether you're a headbanger or not. Combining stand-up comedy with live

music played on his customised 'Flying V' guitar, O'Neill paints a picture of a subculture and history that has rocked the world.

He has been performing stand-up comedy around the world for more than a decade. O'Neill has appeared on TV in Never Mind The Buzzcocks and on Steve Coogan's prog-rock sitcom Saxondale. He's opened for Amanda Palmer, hosted the Metal Hammer Golden Gods award

ceremony with Alice Cooper and has played Download, Sonsisphere, Bloodstock and Reading and Leeds music festivals.

Among his ever-growing list of fans are authors Neil Gaiman and Alan Moore. This latest routine has recently been

shortlisted for Best Show at Dave's Leicester Comedy Festival and enjoyed a very successful run at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Tickets are £10 or £8 for concessions from lutonculture.com



Ditch the TV, it's fever time!

THEATRE

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER

Milton Keynes Theatre

THE date is 1976 and in New York, Tony Manero, a young man from a tough Brooklyn neighbourhood with a dead-end job and an extraordinary ability to dance, has only one ambition in life - to become

the disco king.
Every Saturday night, Tony dons his flares and hits the dancefloor, creating a stir as he wows the crowds with his phenomenal moves and routines. When he meets Stephanie, who also dreams of a world beyond Brooklyn, and they decide to train together for a dance competition, their lives begin to change forever.

This new staging of Saturday Night Fever is packed with legendary hits from the Bee Gees including the classics Stayin'
Alive, Night Fever, Jive
Talking, How Deep is Your
Love? and You Should Be Dancing.
The role of Tony is played by

Danny Bayne, who made his

West End debut as Danny Zuko in the musical Grease at London's Piccadilly Theatre after winning ITV's Grease is the Word

He starred in the West End for two years and performed on tour. He returns to the role of Tony after touring the US in Saturday Night Fever.

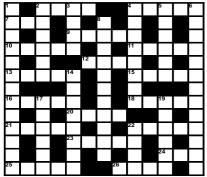
A talented dancer, he has achieved the status of British Champion in Freestyle, Hip Hop, Latin American and Rock 'n' Roll.

Naomi Slights plays the role of Stephanie. Her credits include Mamma Mia! in the include Mamma Mia! in the West End, 20th Century Boy on UK tour, Thank You For The Music at Hyde Park, and she returns to the role of Stephanie after starring in Saturday Night Fever at Frankfurt's English Theatre.

Behind the scenes is chore-ographer Andrew Wright who won Best Choreographer at the WhatsOnStage Awards 2013 for his work on the West End production of Singin' in the Rain.

Tickets range from £10 to £33 and are available via the box office on 0844 871 7652 or online at: atgtickets.com/ miltonkeynes

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- ACROSS
 2 The worst sort of enemy found at the bridge (4)
 4 For the first time, having a tube put back (5)
 7 Said to have grasped the unfamiliar (3)
 9 Play this way, with spirit (5)
 10 Make one in special run if you can (5)
 11 Something to wear in a porn moviel (5)
 12 One running soon (4)
 13 His and hers in a different place, we hear (5)
 15 Look for water at party get directions (5)
 16 Lots off the weeds (5)
 18 Cuts off the weeds (5)
 20 Show gratitude taking time with some rope (4)
 21 The French gril (rather posh) says we can do it (5)
 22 Small part arrived, nothing more (5)
 23 Bring forth what girl holds to be satisfactory (5)
 24 Starts designing a major barrier (3)
 25 Temperature rises that's what's strange (5)
 26 Subsoil deposit left in small island (4)

- DOWN Unfortunately I insult Tardis manufacturer (13)
- 1 Unfortunately I insult Tardis manufacturer (13)
 2 Law he and I broke for some time (1,5)
 3 Shy about speaking at first, but comfortable (4)
 4 Mend dead device if asked (8)
 5 Donkey goes west to arrive home (6)
 6 Most herds turn nasty in bad weather (13)
 8 Canny dragon hides in the abyss (5,6)
 14 Without the girl he's unstoppable (8)
 17 Father meets deity at a temple (6)
 19 Funny stuff in code my job to decipher (6)
 22 Prison has nothing for the music maker (4)

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 16.Train stop (7)
 17.Marbles (4)

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2.Instruction (7)
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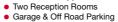
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February 2015

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With an uplift in people looking to sell their property and demand from buyers continuing unabated, Connells is seeing a high level of activity from home movers and first time buyers, as they look to secure their dream home whilst general market conditions are strong.

We've seen a rise in interest from potential sellers who are keen to have their property valued, which indicates more properties coming onto the market in the near future," says **Branch Manager**, Lee Clark.

"This is fantastic news for buyers locally who are still heavily outweighing the supply of homes available. With mortgage rates currently low, competitive mortgage products and attractive schemes such as Help to Buy available, now presents a window of opportunity for both buyers and sellers to lock down their next property move," Lee continues.

As the property market continues to perform buoyantly Connells are advising homeowners thinking of selling, to get the ball rolling now: "Property prices are rising steadily and buyer's appetite is still strong," says Lee. "With plenty of people keen to secure a property in the early half of the year, now is a great time to explore your options and get moved."

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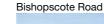




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Ref: 59000747

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Closing date: Friday 6th March at 12 noon Shortlisting date: Monday 9th March 2015 Interview date: Thursday 19th March 2015

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The Audi A6 trims up and sets about its rivals with a package that's based on a efficiency, technology and, yes, a bit more power. It'll have its work cut out dislodging BMW and Mercedes but it's hard not to love the care and attention that's clearly been lavished on this car.

The A6 range has been effectively split in two. 'Proper' A6 models are exclusively diesel powered, while the S6 and RS6 sports models stick with petrol engines. Efficiency has been improved across the diesel range, with the most efficient engine - the 2.0-litre TDI four-cylinder with 190PS - reserved for the ultra versions. The trio of 3.0-litre six-cylinder TDI 'clean diesel' units kicks off with a singleturbo V6 with 218PS, and is followed by a 272PS variant, also with a single charger. At the top of the range, the 3.0 TDI clean dissel biturbo produces a hety 320PS. The high-performance diesel is paired with an eightspeed tiptronic

All other engine variants are linked to either a sixspeed manual gearbox or a seven-speed S tronic twin-clutch transmission. In the versions with front-wheel drive, a fully redeveloped dual-clutch transmission replaces the unpopular CVT 'box. Quattro all-wheel-drive is available in conjunction with all engines bar the 2.0-litre TDI, and in versions with 272PS and above, it can be supplemented with a sport differential. Sports suspension lowered by 20mm is standard for the A6 S line and optional for the SE model and the former can be rooted to the tarmac even more firmly by S line sports suspension which lowers the body by a further 10mm. Alternatively, the cushioned comfort of electronically controlled adaptive air suspension is available

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The S6 and S6 Avant are powered by a 4.0-litre TFSI V8, with twin turbos helping it to 450PS. That's enough to catapult the saloon through 62mph in 4.4 seconds. The sports differential is standard, as is air suspension, which lowers the body by 20 millimetres. Matt black brake calipers grip the front discs mounted behind the 19-inch alloys. The monster RS6 Avant tops the range, its 560PS V8 jetting it to 62mph in a mere 3.9 seconds and on to a top speed of 189mph.

The Audi A6 isn't the most overtly compelling car in its class, no matter how persistently its manufacturer tells us otherwise. It doesn't have the instant rakishness of a Jaguar XE the purebred dynamics of a BMW 5 Series or the oldschool elegance of a Mercedes E-Class. It's a vehicle that rewards a considered and cerebral approach. What's more, it's one of those cars that grows on you with familiarity, the sheer intensity of care that's gone into making it liveable proving hugely impressive

So what the A6 lacks in instant impact it more than makes up in depth of engineering. There's a dizzying breadth of talent too; the ultra models offer the sort of efficiency we'd normally associate with a supermini while the RS6 offers the performance of an old-school supercar. The A6 is going to appeal to those who love high-tech and low fuss.

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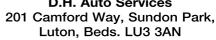
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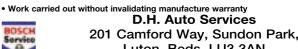
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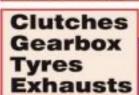


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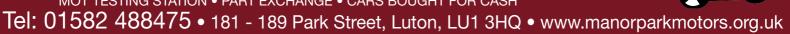
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DEBUT JOY: Elliot Lee slots home in the second half

Fightback in vain as

HATTERS

LEAGUE TWO AFC WIMBLEDON LUTON TOWN

BY JAMES CUNLIFFE

SUBSTITUTE David Connolly broke Hatters hearts at the death as they suffered defeat against Wimbledon for the second time this term.

Town had battled back from two goals down – the first time they've notched twice on the road since October – but just as a deserved draw looked likely they were undone by the Wimbledon of old.

The colossal frame of Adebayo Akinfenwa had caused Luton all manner of problems and the striker flicked on a long ball for Connolly to snatch victory in the 94th minute.

"We shouldn't concede three goals, it's as simple as that," said Luton boss John Still, adding: "Not only should we not concede three goals we should never concede a goal like we conceded the last one."

Still also bemoaned his makeshift defence, with Alex Lacey and Fraser Franks installed at centre back in place of the suspended Luke Wilkinson and Steve McNulty.

"In the first half I don't think our back people coped. I didn't think they coped at all," said Still of his back four, adding: "It's disappointing because they played together at Mansfield.
"In the second half they coped fantastically

"In the second half they coped fantastically but made a mistake at the end, one punt down the middle. That's not good enough."

Connolly's match-winning strike stole the glory from West Ham loan debutant Elliot Lee who had drawn Luton level with his first touch, four minutes after his introduction in the second half.

Jayden Stockley had cut the deficit in half just

before the break after Alfie Potter and Dannie Bulman had put the Dons 2-0 ahead – but Luton were well and truly mauled by the Beast, Adebayo Akinfenwa.

Before Lee's goal the Hatters were denied a clear-cut penalty in one of the most inexplicable decisions of the season – and Luton have suffered many.

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Stockley was felled by Dave Winfield, but referee Frederick Graham booked the striker, much to the fury of him and his team-mates.

"It was a penalty. No doubt," said Still adding:
"Talking to the analysts of both teams [it was]
nailed on, 100 per cent. I can't do anything
about that.

"I can only control the controllables. I don't referee the game, he's got to make that decision.

"The referee's secretary Dave Allison has had five penalties, sent by me to them, to ask 'were they penalties?'

"Five times he's come back to me and said

Luton see off Thurrock but Dees and Park lose

RUGBY UNION

BY TIM BARTLETT

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LUTON RFC are continuing to build form and pick up positive results from what has been a somewhat disappointing season – winning 24-19 away to Thurrock yesterday in London One North.

"It was a very tough win against a very good side," said Luton's attack and skills coach Chris Parr.

"It was a brutal game. They're a young team that like to get the ball in hand and move it."

The victory was made possible through tries from Logan Wendt and Stuart Tomkinson. Tabo Madiri scored two penalties and Rik Hobbs added a pair of conversions.

It means that Parr's side climb a league position to seventh with six games of the season to play.

"We want to finish the season as strongly as possible, we'll be playing for every victory," he said

"We've an East Midlands cup final to think about too. To finish the season well puts us in a strong position for next season, mentally."

In Midlands Two East South Dunstablians were beaten 51-12 by league leaders Northampton Old Scouts – a game that was never earmarked as a 'points banker' when the fixture list was released in the summer.

With five games of the season remaining, Dees are still nine points from safety, though they still have to play fellow strugglers Stewarts & Lloyds on the final day of the season, so the great escape is very much on.

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In Midlands Three East South, Stockwood Park lost 23-17 at Rugby St Andrews.

The visitors made a poor start and were 23-7 behind at one stage.

Ben Griffin and Aaron Beattie scored tries, which were both converted by Jason Carr who also kicked a penalty. However, in the end there was too much to de

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DONS DEFEAT: Scott Griffiths looks for the pass, left, while Luke Guttridge tries to hold off a challenge, right. Luton are fourth in League Two.

Hatters lose at the death

'yes'. This was even more a pen-alty than those five."

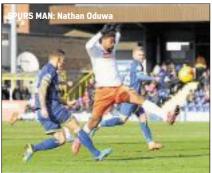
Luton were without goalkeeper Mark Tyler for the first time since April 2013 and 79 consecutive league matches, which saw Elliott Justham make his Football League debut.

A busy one it would be and, after a string of saves, he looked to have rescued a point in the dying moments when he kept out Adebayo Azeez. It wasn't to be.

His inclusion was one of four changes with top scorer Mark Cullen a surprise omission from the squad. The striker's future at the club is now hanging by a thread after Still admitted his head had been turned by interest

from another club, rumoured to be Peterborough.

In came Cameron McGeehan - to start his second loan spell



with the club. Tottenham loanee Nathan Oduwa was recalled and Luke Guttridge made his first start since November 22.

The first half tone was set 24 seconds in when Justham was at full stretch to keep out the impressive Alfie Potter and then Bulman's improvised over head kick, but the Dons should have scored a minute later.

Akinfenwa hit the post when he should have scored, while the rebound cannoned back off the big striker and wide.

Sean Rigg came close to an opener but Potter claimed it, stroking the rebound into the unguarded net after Justham had palmed away Akinfenwa's initial shot.

It had been coming and the lead was spectacularly doubled when Bulman blasted into the top corTown had played so badly it looked to be game over but then

Stockley gave them a lifeline. It was all Luton after the break but it looked like it wouldn't be their day when Stockley suffered one of the most ridicu-lous decisions you're ever likely to see and was booked for simulation. It should have been a penalty.

The mood changed dramatically five minutes later when a

defensive mix-up allowed Guttridge to slip in substitute Lee and the striker tucked home with unerring confidence. Justham kept out Rigg and Azeez and a well-deserved point looked Luton's until Akinfenwa played his part in Connolly's winner. That he is a former Watford star just rubbed salt into the wound.

AFC Wimbledon: Shea, Fuller, Kennedy, Reeves, Oshilaja, Winfield, Rigg (Beere, 75), Bulman, Tanner (Azeez, 80), Akinfenwa, Potter (Connolly, 89)

Unused subs: McDonnell, Smith, Francomb, Moore,

Luton: Justham, Franks, Smith, Lacey, Drury (Lawless, 64), Griffiths, Guttridge, Harriman, Stockley (Wall, 86), Oduwa (Lee, 64), McGeehan

Unused subs: Gooch, Howells, Parry, Whalley Referee: Frederick Graham. Attendance: 4,050 (829)

Dunstable slip up against Banbury while Rovers earn point

FOOTBALL

BY NICK SMITH

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DUNSTABLE Town suffered a shock 2-1 defeat yesterday at bottom of the table Banbury United in the Southern League Premier Division.

Both sides had a number of chances to open the scoring in the first half, but they could not find a way through.

The breakthrough came on 75 minutes, when Banbury striker Leam Howards ran onto the through ball and coolly slotted his effort through the legs of Dunstable goal-

Howards struck again just minutes later. when he was given too much space in the box and took full advantage, scoring from a free header.

Tony Burnett gave The Blues a glimmer of hope with an 85th minute goal but they could not find a crucial second.

It was The Puritans' first win since

September and moved them out of the league's basement position. Dunstable, meanwhile, are 12th.

In the Southern League Division One Central, Barton Rovers kept their promotion hopes alive with a 1-1 draw at second place Bedworth United.

Kyle Cartwright opened the scoring for the hosts after 19 minutes, following a sustained period of pressure.

It took until the 70th minute, but Barton

managed to get a deserved equaliser to take home a share of the spoils against a tough opponent.

uki Tayali was the man on the scoresheet to leave Rovers just three points adrift of a play-off spot in sixth.

Two second half goals were enough to give AFC Dunstable all three points in their Spartan South Midlands Premier Division clash with Biggleswade United.

Jamie Warne scored the first just after the restart before Grant Fryer made sure of the

win with a second in the 70th minute, as The OD's won 2-0.

The match was notable as Biggleswade handed a debut to former Chelsea midfielder Enrique de Lucas, who came out of retirement to make a surprise move to United on Transfer Deadline Day - a switch helped by their director of football being acclaimed Spanish journalist Guillem Balague In Division One, Crawley Green's game with

Risborough Rangers was postponed while in Division Two, The 61 FC (Luton) were beaten 1-0 at home to New Bradwell St Peter. Elsewhere in Division Two, Kent Athletic

and Totternhoe played out a 0-0 draw in a

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BY JAMES CUNLIFFE

TOP goalscorer Mark Cullen has asked to leave Luton Town, manager John Still has revealed.

The 22-vear-old was not in the squad for the 3-2 last-gasp defeat at AFC Wimbledon yesterday amid rumours that Peterborough United have

made a bid for him. Hatters boss Still said afterwards that Cullen's head had been turned and that they will have showdown talks tomorrow.

"Mark said to me that he would like to look to move to a club in a higher division," said Still.

"I can say, 'no, you're not going, stay here and get on with it,' but I probably wouldn't play him as his heart's not in it.

"Everyone we have here,

good or bad, has to be 100 per cent us. Mark's a great lad, this isn't a criticism,

it's just how it is.
"On Monday, the club
will decide if we accept offers that are made for him. It maybe they don't, he may have to stay here, but he wouldn't play.'

Cullen scored the winner against Carlisle last weekend – his third goal in two games - having been dropped for much of

2015. Still said at the time that transfer interest in the striker had contributed to that, though Cullen admitted after his matchwinning turn last week that he did not want to leave Luton.

"You'd have to ask Mark that, I don't know," said Still, adding: "There were some enquiries, and have been some enquiries about Mark.

"I spoke to him yesterday and don't think he was in the right frame of mind to play if I'm being honest.

"So we decided not to include him. I understand how football works, but my thoughts are if I speak to a player who perhaps feels that he should move somewhere else, he's not

going to happen for me.
"We'll resume the talk on Monday and if Mark thinks he should be elsewhere, it's up to the club to decide on the other side of it."

Cullen has scored 12 goals for the Hatters this season and signed a three vear contract with Luton in the summer.

Any move to another club would have to initially be on loan, with the transfer window closed.



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